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Grade 4 Reading

Theme 4 Selection 3

“The Last Dragon”

Read the selection, “The Last Dragon”. Then, answer the following questions.

1. Which statement best summarizes the selection?

- a) A boy finds an old Chinese dragon.
- b) A boy doesn’t want to spend the summer with his Great Aunt.
- c) The Chinese dragon is a symbol of the Chinese New Year.
- d) A boy learns about friendship and tradition as he spends his summer in Chinatown.

2. Why do Peter’s mom and dad want him to spend his summer in Chinatown?

- a) They wanted Peter to fix up an old Chinese dragon.
- b) It is important for Peter to learn about his family traditions.
- c) Peter’s Great Aunt needs someone to keep her company.
- d) Peter has never been to an exciting place such as Chinatown

3. Read the sentences from the selection.

“First slowly, then with ever-quickenings steps, he snaked among the tables and around the room.”

What does the word snaked mean?

- a) to move and twist
- b) to eat between meals
- c) a reptile that slithers on the ground
- d) to make noise

4. Why does Great Aunt agree to allow Peter to try to repair the dragon?

- a) She is in a hurry to get home.
- b) Peter begs her for permission to fix the dragon.
- c) She thinks it will help Peter learn about the Chinese culture and be exciting for him.
- d) She thinks it will be an easy job for a boy to do.

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5. This selection is an example of

- a) a magazine article
- b) historical fiction
- c) realistic fiction
- d) nonfiction

6. Which sentence best summarizes the events on p.459?

- a) Great Aunt thinks the dragon is too much work.
- b) Peter asks a man if the dragon is for sale.
- c) Peter takes a walk through Chinatown with his Great Aunt.
- d) Peter convinces his Great Aunt to allow him to restore an old dragon that he sees in a shop.

7. Why does Peter want to restore this particular dragon?

- a) He has never done anything like this before.
- b) There is something special about this dragon.
- c) He is bored in Chinatown.
- d) He likes staying busy.

8. Read this sentence from the selection.

“One mahjongg day Peter found Great Aunt and her friends huddled over the kitchen table. But they were not playing mahjongg. “This sorry creature has robbed us of our afternoon,” said Great Aunt.”

Which statement best explains the meaning of this sentence?

- a) Instead of playing their game, the women worked on the dragon.
- b) The dragon came to life and robbed the women.
- c) They could not play their game because the dragon took up too much room in the kitchen.
- d) The women sat and talked instead of playing their game.

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Open-ended Response

Describe how Peter changed from the beginning of the story to the end of the story. Use at least 2 details from the selection to support your response.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Correct Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	d	Summarize	R4.A.1.5.1
2	b	Drawing Conclusions	R4.A.1.3.1
3	a	Word Meaning	R4.A.1.1
4	c	Drawing Conclusions	R4.A.1.3.1
5	c	Genre	R4.A.1.6
6	d	Summarize	R4.A.1.5.1
7	b	Drawing Conclusions	R4.A.1.3.1
8	a	Drawing Conclusions	R4.A.1.3.1
Open-ended		Drawing Conclusions	R4.A.1.3.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 points

demonstrates complete knowledge of how to draw conclusions by describing how Peter changed from the beginning to the end of the story, using at least 2 details from the selection.

2 points

demonstrates partial knowledge of how to draw conclusions by describing how Peter changed from the beginning to the end of the story using 1 detail from the selection.

1 point

demonstrates incomplete knowledge of how to draw conclusions by describing how Peter changed from the beginning to the end of the story, but uses no details from the selection.

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response provides insufficient material for scoring or is inaccurate in all respects.